McLerran, Dennis

From: McLerran, Dennis
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 9:15 AM
To: Giles-AA, Cynthia; Amon, Tyler
Cc: Soderlund, Dianne; Dunbar, Bill; Pirzadeh, Michelle; Kowalski, Ed
Subject: Fw: Conversation with Alaska Miners Association

Cynthia and Tyler:
I would like to talk about some kind of follow up with the Alaska Miner's Association.
Dennis

From: Soderlund, Dianne
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 3:24:06 PM
To: McLerran, Dennis
Cc: Pirzadeh, Michelle; Dunbar, Bill
Subject: Conversation with Alaska Miners Association

Dennis,
Earlier today I spoke with Deantha Crockett, Executive Director of the Alaska Miners Association (AMA). Previous to taking the AMA position, Deantha worked for the Resource Development Council as the mining and tourism Director, and I have always found her to be professional and approachable in our conversations over the years.

Deantha will be at the meeting EPA, BLM and ADEC are invited to in Chicken on September 14. She strongly urged EPA to attend to provide factual information to the community about the inspections, and to respond to questions. I did let her know that the decision to attend did not rest with me, but that I would convey her suggestion. I shared that even if we were able to attend, the timing is problematic and that it is likely too quick of a turnaround for the agencies, and that under any circumstances we would not discuss active enforcement cases. She asked if they changed the date if we would be able/willing to participate, but emphasized that she is not in charge of the meeting. (but likely does have significant influence) She also emphasized that the Placer miners in the state are a powerful and well connected group, and have been having conversations with state legislators and the Congressional delegation, asking them to request the agencies participate in the Chicken meeting.

Please give me a call if you need additional information.

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